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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

PETITION

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the non-final Office Action mailed on October 6, 2006 in the above-captioned application ("the Application"). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including February 6, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$120.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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RESPONSE

This Amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on October 6, 2006 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") in the above-referenced application ("the Application").

Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are set forth below in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.